

Memorandum of Understanding

Family Preservation Treatment Court

Under the Grant Program to Provide Treatment Services for Family Treatment Drug Courts (TI-17507-01), the Riverside County Superior Court, Riverside County Department of Mental Health, Riverside County Substance Program, Department of Public Social Services, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Mental Health Systems and WestEd agrees to formulate a family drug court, based on a collaboration that protects children from abuse and neglect precipitated by substance abuse in the family through timely decisions, coordinated services, substance abuse treatment, and safe and permanent placements.

It is the intent of this collaboration of partners to support and promote effective, efficient, and accessible drug treatment, ensuring the development of a system that is responsive to emerging trends in drug abuse. The individual target areas to achieve this include reducing the treatment gap, demonstrating improved effectiveness for those completing treatment, and reducing the waiting time for treatment. As part of this proposed program the partners agree to the following:

The Riverside County Superior Court agrees to provide the following to the Family Preservation Treatment Court:

1. Serve as lead agency in the family treatment drug court and oversight of partnering agencies.
2. Identify and refer Family Preservation participants to the family treatment drug court.
3. Follow up with Family Preservation participants weekly to monthly after referral to family treatment drug court.
4. Review status reports on participants submitted by partners when making family reunification decisions.
5. Within legal parameters share data and appropriate information with the WestEd's staff on the treatment and control participants for improved services and research proposed.
6. Attend drug court training.
7. Work collaboratively with the Riverside County Departments of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Sheriff's Department, Mental Health Systems, and WestEd to collect and report required data for GPRA. Data will be collected at baseline, 6 months and discharge and entered into the CSAT on-line data system.
8. Participate on the Family Preservation Steering Committee.

Mental Health Systems Inc. agrees to provide the following to the Family Preservation Treatment Court:

1. Substance abuse treatment to Family Preservation Court participants.

2. Case management of substance abuse treatment goals identified by participants.
3. Provide parents and children family treatment interventions to include but not limited to parenting, school readiness, child development, relapse prevention/recovery, life skills, anger management, and employment guidance.
4. Frequent and random drug testing.
5. Provide status report on participant progress to Family Preservation Court.
6. Maintain data on clients for purposes of reporting to the drug court, grantor, and other county and state agencies.
7. Share data and appropriate information with the WestEd's staff on the treatment and control participants for improved services and research proposed (within the federal guidelines of confidentiality of mental health, alcohol, and drug use 45 CFR).
8. Attend Family Preservation Court training.
9. Work collaboratively with the Riverside County Departments of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Sheriff's Department, Riverside Superior Court, and WestEd to collect and report required data for GPRA. Data will be collected at baseline, 6 months and discharge and entered into the CSAT on-line data system.
10. Participate on the Family Preservation Steering Committee.

Department of Public Social Services agrees to provide the following to the Family Preservation Treatment Court:

1. Assessment of participant and their family and make necessary referrals to family drug treatment court partners.
2. Provide a level of supervision for family drug court purposes.
3. Communicate with participant, substance abuse treatment provider and case manager.
4. Provide recommendation on participant progress to Family Preservation Court.
5. Within legal parameters share data and appropriate information with the WestEd's staff on the treatment and control participants for improved services and research proposed.
6. Attend Family Preservation Court training.
7. Work collaboratively with the Riverside County Departments of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Riverside County Superior Court, Riverside Sheriff's Department, Mental Health Systems, and WestEd to collect and report required data for GPRA. Data will be collect data at baseline, 6 months and discharge and entered into the CSAT on-line data system.

8. Participate on the Family Preservation Steering Committee.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department agrees to provide the following to the Family Preservation Treatment Court:

1. Assessment of participant and their family and make necessary referrals to Family Preservation treatment court partners.
2. Provide a level of supervision for Family Preservation Court purposes.
3. Communicate with participant, substance abuse treatment provider and case manager.
4. Provide recommendation on participant progress to Family Preservation Court.
5. Within legal parameters share data and appropriate information with the WestEd's staff on the treatment and control participants for improved services and research proposed.
6. Attend Family Preservation Court training.
7. Work collaboratively with the Riverside County Departments of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Riverside County Superior Court, Riverside County Superior Court, Mental Health Systems, and WestEd to collect and report required data for GPRA. Data will be collected at baseline, 6 months and discharge and entered into the CSAT on-line data system.
8. Participate on the Family Preservation Steering Committee.

WestEd- Educational and Community Initiatives agrees to provide the following to the Family Treatment Drug Court:

1. Attend and provide all necessary training to staff to insure the successful implementation of this project, including regular participation at planning meetings.
2. Participate on the Family Preservation Steering Committee.
3. Conduct a process and outcome evaluation and provide results of these evaluations.
4. Work collaboratively with the Riverside County Departments of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Sheriff's Department, Mental Health Systems, and Riverside County Superior Court to collect and report required data for GPRA. Data will be collected at baseline, 6 months and discharge and entered into the CSAT on-line data system.
5. WestEd will serve as the liaison between the IRB and the Family Preservation Court Program.
6. WestEd will submit and maintain all necessary IRB documents for the duration of the project.

7. WestEd will write all evaluation reports for bi-annual and progress reports for the duration of the project.
8. Attend Family Preservation Court Training.

Riverside County Substance Abuse agrees to provide the following to the Family Treatment Drug Court:

1. Substance abuse treatment (residential) for parents assessed for need.
2. Provide information on residential client progress to Family Preservation Court.
3. Within legal parameters share data and appropriate information with the WestEd's staff on the treatment and control participants for improved services and research proposed.
4. Work collaboratively with Riverside County Superior Court, Department of Mental Health, Mental Health Systems, Superior Court, WestEd and Department of Public Social Services to collect and report required data for GPRA. Data will be collected at baseline, 6 months and discharge and entered into the CSAT on-line data system.
5. Attend Family Preservation Court training.
6. Participate on the Family Preservation Steering Committee.

Riverside County Department of Mental Health agrees to provide the following to the Family Treatment Drug Court:

1. Department of Mental Health is to provide linkage to appropriate mental health services for clients referred through CPS.
2. Services as identified in the treatment plan.
3. Provide information on client progress to DPSS for reporting to Family Preservation Court.
4. Within legal parameters share data and appropriate information with the WestEd's staff on the treatment and control participants for improved services and research proposed.
5. Work collaboratively with Riverside County's Superior Court, County Substance Abuse Program, Mental Health Systems, Riverside Sheriff's Department, WestEd and Department of Public Social Services to collect and report required data for GPRA. Data will be collected at baseline, 6 months and discharge and entered into the CSAT on-line data system.
6. Attend Family Preservation Court training.
7. Participate on the Family Preservation Steering Committee.

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Family Preservation Court
October 1, 2005

Signatures:

Honorable Sharon Waters
Presiding Judge

Date

Inga McElyea, Executive Officer
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside

Date

Cynthia Hinckley, Director
Riverside County Department of Public Social Services

Date

Sheriff Bob Doyle
Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Date

Dr. Colleen Killian, Co-Director
WestEd- Educational and Community Initiatives

Date

Bill Eastwood, Executive Director
Mental Health Systems

Date

Karen Kane, Substance Abuse Program Manager
Riverside County Substance Abuse Program

Date

Erlys Daily, Children Program Manager
Riverside County Department of Mental Health

Date